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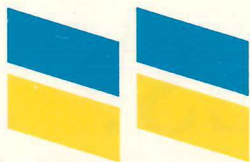
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IT SEEMS that once we have put together a decent run of results and lifted ourselves into the pack at the fringe of the relegation struggle, we are unable at the moment, to maintain that run and push ourselves well clear of the bottom four.

Our meeting with Birmingham on Saturday was a very good example for we didn't so much lose the game as give it away. In fact we brought it on ourselves, for our defending was awful.

They were at a stage when they were down in the doldrums with a string of poor results behind them and the fans beginning to get on their backs.

Indeed a situation very similar to the one we were in around the turn of the year.

We went there with a good run behind us during which we had looked quick and solid in defence and never looking like giving much away.

Before the start of the match I said that it was important that we gave nothing away. But then we go out and make silly and elementary mistakes not only to give the opposition loads of confidence, but to see the game beyond our reach very early on.

It is important that we redeem ourselves this evening, but Bolton will be anxious, just as we are, to climb back after the defeat on Saturday

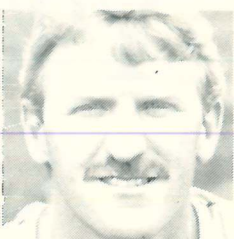
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Can I take this opportunity to welcome our newest recruit Wayne Fairclough, who joined us during last week from Notts County.

I had made several enquiries about Wayne over a period of time, but was told he was not available. However Neil Warnock promised to let me know if the situation changed and he did so last week.

And I have to thank our chairman Mr John Pratt, who backed me all the way in making the cash available to bring the player to Field Mill.

I am sure that Wayne will quickly settle down at Mansfield, and be a tremendous asset to the club.



George Foster

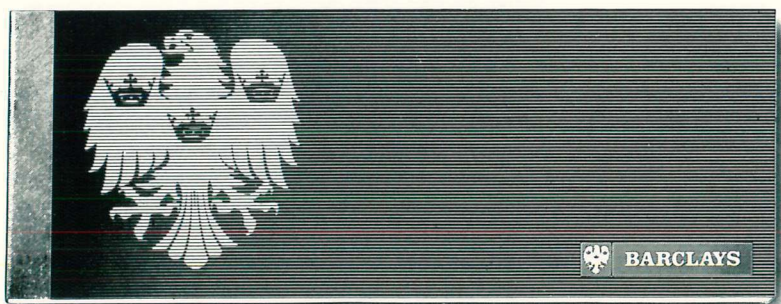
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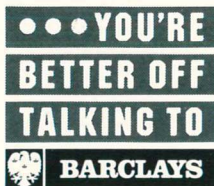
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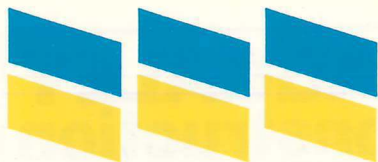
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Gales Caused Problems

ALTHOUGH previously the weather has been reasonably kind to us this season, the gale-force winds over the past two or three weeks have posed problems for scheduled fixtures.

Our fourth meeting of the season with Leyton Orient was completed despite the difficult conditions caused by swirling winds and occasional heavy showers.

Nevertheless the entertainment provided in the circumstances was very good, and of course, we achieved the right result.

Our reserve game with Pontins League Division II leaders Sunderland, scheduled for a week ago at Field Mill, had to be postponed because of structural damage to the Chad Family Stand, and it was felt that it would be foolish to risk injuries to both players and spectators should further damage have been caused during the match.

However, despite a couple of earlier cancellations, our Division III fixtures are on schedule, with the two outstanding matches given new dates.

In fact only one of the games was called off because of the weather. That was at Cardiff where the high winds in January damaged the Ninian Park stands. That match will now be played on Tuesday 27th March.

Our home meeting with Birmingham City was postponed because The Blues were involved in the FA Cup, and to remind you of the new date, that is on Tuesday 3rd April.

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This evening we extend a welcome to Bolton Wanderers who are currently one of the frontrunners in the promotion race, and who are under the guidance of the former Liverpool and England defender Phil Neal.

Wanderers are one of the most consis-



Joe Eaton

tent performers in the league this season, and we can have no illusions that we have a tough hurdle to surmount this evening.

But having earned a 1-1 draw at Burnden Park back in September, we are hoping to go one better and pick up the three points to keep up our recent improved form at home.

That sees us with five wins here at Field Mill in our last six outings, which by any standards is most satisfactory state of affairs.

On Saturday we make the long trip into South Wales for the return meeting with Swansea City, and with the opportunity to complete the double.

Our next home league outing is on Saturday 17th March when Shrewsbury Town are the visitors.

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CONGRATULATIONS are in order for Andy Beasley and his wife Linda who recently gave birth to their first child Christopher.



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YOU will also, I feel sure, have read in the local press about the old Stags Home and Away programmes, which we have been selling.

The demand for these have been absolutely unbelievable, and I am hoping that we will soon be in a position to replenish our now extremely low stocks.

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JOHN SLATER

Commercial Manager

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THE Mansfield Town Football Club Youth Development Trust will be the financial means by which the club's youth policy will be implemented.

This will be carried out through the setting up of the Mansfield Town FC Youth Academy.

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The Football Club wishes to extend grateful thanks to the Founder Trustees: James Maude; Neil Shacklock; Bag-galey Construction; Neville EMV; Abacus; Chad; Shacklocks Solicitors.

A warm welcome to

BOLTON WANDERERS



Back row, left to right: Dean Crombie, Mark Came, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Gareth Gray, Mark Winstanley, Barry Cowdrill. Middle row: Steve Carroll, youth coach, Gary Brown, Phil Brown, Julian Darby, David Reeves, Tony Philliskirk, Steve Thompson, Stuart Storer, Gary Henshaw, Mike Jeffrey, Ewan Simpson, physiotherapist. Front row: Ian Stevens, Neil Fisher, Paul Hughes, Nicky Brookman, Mick Brown, first-team coach, Phil Neal, manager, Dave Roberts, Jeff Chandler, Robbie Savage, Nicky Spooner.

Bolton Wanderers Pen Pictures

DAVE FELGATE: Goalkeeper: Began his career at Burnden Park as an apprentice, but made his league debut on loan with Rochdale. Was later transferred to Lincoln without making a league appearance for Bolton. After making 198 appearances for The Imps he moved to Grimsby, but returned to Bolton in February 1987 after a loan spell the previous term. Ever-present since then, he has over 400 appearances to his name.

KEVIN ROSE: Goalkeeper: Signed for Bolton in a £20,000 close-season deal from Hereford United. Began his career with Ledbury Town before joining Lincoln in a £10,000 deal, but returned without making a league appearance. Moved to Hereford United and was a regular for five seasons.

PHIL BROWN: Full back: Joined Wanderers in June 1988 in a £17,000 deal with Halifax Town and was ever-present last season. Commenced his league career with Hartlepool United where he made over 200 league appearances, before adding another 135 at Halifax.

PAUL HUGHES: Full back: Last season was a virtual write-off for the home-grown 21-year-old because of a string of injuries. Captained Bolton's successful youth team and progressed to making his league debut in December 1987.

BARRY COWDRILL: Full back: Made of 100 league appearances in an eight-year spell at West Brom who secured his services from Sutton Coldfield Town. Joined Bolton in July 1988 and made 38 first-team outings last term in the league. Can also operate in midfield.

DEAN CROMBIE: Defender: Forced his way into the first team last February to coincide with Wanderers' 20-game unbeaten run. Scored his first goal for the club in the Sherpa Van Trophy final at Wembley. Previous clubs Lincoln and Grimsby. Made his 400th league appearance last season.

MARK WINSTANLEY: Defender: Came through the club's youth ranks to make his league debut in March 1986. Missed only two games last season and was the club's Player of the Year.

MARK CAME: Signed from non-league Winsford United in 1984 and quickly forced his way into the league side. Missed practically all of last season after breaking a leg in the Littlewoods Cup tie with Chester City.

JULIAN DABBY: Midfield/defender: Currently the only local Bolton player in the first-team squad. A versatile player he missed only two games last season and scored Wanderers opening goal at Wembley last season.

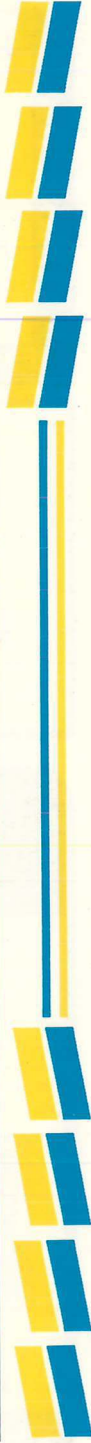
ROBBIE SAVAGE: Defender/midfield: Started his career with Liverpool but failed to make the first team in six seasons. Made his debut while on loan with Wrexham. Subsequently he played for Stoke, Bournemouth and Bradford City before joining Bolton in September 1987 for £35,000.

STEVE THOMPSON: Midfield: The club's longest-serving professional who progressed through the youth ranks to make his debut in November 1982. He has made over 250 league appearances in three divisions for Bolton and missed only three games last term.

PAUL COMSTIVE: Midfield: Joined Bolton in September 1989 for £38,000 from Burnley. Was formerly with Wigan, Blackburn and Wrexham. Sidelined during December by injury.

TONY PHILLISKIRK: Forward: Began his career with Sheffield United, then after a loan spell with Rotherham United, he moved to Oldham Athletic in July 1988. But after only three matches for them he joined Preston North End £50,000.

DAVID REEVES: Joined the Burnden Park staff in July last year. Sheffield Wednesday was his first club, but he made his league debut while on loan with Scunthorpe in December 1986. Was with Burnley on loan in November 1987.



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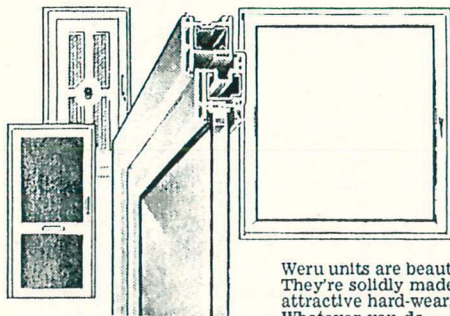
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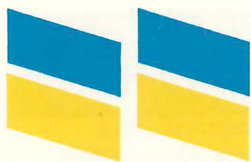
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IT COULD be said that Mansfield Town and Bolton Wanderers have met almost as often in cup competitions as they have in the league.

That is perhaps a slight exaggeration, for this evening's encounter will be the 10th meeting in the league between the two clubs, while two FA Cup meetings and one in the Freight Rover Trophy are the other occasions.

Obviously their paths never met pre-war, because Bolton were then in their heyday as one of the country's leading clubs, and it was the 1971-72 season before they first crossed swords, with the honours going to the home side on each occasion.

One win, two draws and one defeat is Mansfield's record to date at Field Mill, with two defeats, two draws and one win at Burnden Park to their credit.

Bolton spent all of their early days shuttling between Division I and II, never, however, climbing higher than third in the top division.

It was not until 1971 that they dropped into the Third Division, but guided by the former Mansfield manager Ian Greaves they regained Second Division status in 1973 and after narrowly missing promotion in the next two seasons, they were back in the top section in 1978.

But after a couple of seasons at top level their fortunes declined and by 1987, after the play-offs, they were in Division IV for the first time in their history, albeit for only one season.

Would you believe?

WANDERERS are perhaps regarded as cup specialists for they have won the FA Cup on four occasions, 1926, 1929, 1932, and 1958, when Ian Greaves was a member of the defeated Manchester United side at Wembley.

But perhaps they are best remembered as defeated finalists in 1953 in what became known as 'The Stanley Matthews Final' as the legendary winger laid on the three late goals which turned what appeared to be certain defeat into victory and earn his one and only FA Cup winners medal.

The Stags have twice crossed swords with Bolton in the competition, but never at Field Mill. In the 1977-78 season they lost 1-0 at Burnden Park in front of 23,830 fans.

But when they went down 2-0 in 1983-84 there were only a modest 6,934 at the game.

We did also meet Bolton in the Freight Rover Trophy at Burnden Park on 9th May 1985 and won 2-1 to reach the Northern Area final at Field Mill in which Wigan reached Wembley by means of a penalty shoot-out.

Would you believe?

Bolton can trace their foundations back to 1874 when they were known as Christ Church FC founded by the young men of the Christ Church Sunday School at Bolton.

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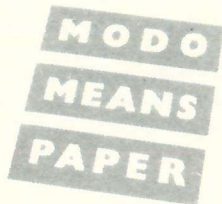
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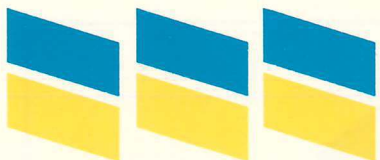
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CRACKER IN PROSPECT

BOLTON Wanderers certainly have a point to prove at Field Mill tonight when their promotion campaign continues against The Stags.

Phil Neal's men were held to a 1-1 draw at Burnden Park back on 30th September, but can't afford to drop points tonight.

And Mansfield's own need for three vital points looks certain to make this game a cracker!

It was Steve Charles who earned The Stags a draw in the first clash between these two sides, but since then Bolton have blossomed into first rate promotion candidates.

Their 2-0 set-back away to much-improved Reading on Saturday left them sitting in sixth position, but they are still only five points adrift of second placed Tranmere with two games in hand.

Rovers, though, seem to be hitting form at just the right time after a sticky mid-season patch, and recorded a thrilling 4-0 victory over Northampton at the County Ground on Saturday.

Also maintaining their promotion drive were Bristol City, who romped to a 3-0 win at Chester — Bob Taylor blasting a hat-trick.

Goals were certainly not in short supply and Bristol Rovers more than matched their local rivals by smashing six of the best past bewildered Wigan.

Thankfully, Northampton's defeat and Preston's 3-1 failure at Fulham helped Mansfield to maintain their position of sixth from the bottom.

Two hundred Cobblers fans staged a rowdy demonstration after seeing the heavy defeat by Tranmere.

They vented their anger with cries of 'sack the board', but Mark Patterson's first goal for Bury shook Notts County who crashed to a 3-2 defeat at Gigg Lane. But Blackpool eased their own worries with a thrilling 4-3 victory over bottom club Walsall at Bloomfield Road, clawing their way back from 2-0 down. Their winner, though, came late, with Paul Groves finding the net a minute from the end.





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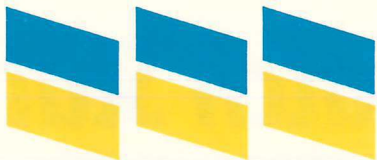
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Fairclough on stand by

NEW signing Wayne Fairclough is hoping to make his debut tonight after joining The Stags last week for a joint club record fee of £80,000.

The fee Stags boss George Foster paid out equalled the money Leicester City received in September for hot-shot striker Steve Wilkinson.

But Fairclough's trade is not scoring goals ... instead he prefers preventing them!

The Nottingham born 21-year-old utility player has performed in all four roles across the back four for his previous club Notts County.

But he is also a useful midfield player: strong in the tackle and effective in the engine room.

But why did he choose to leave a side gunning for promotion to the Second Division in favour of a team struggling to maintain their Third Division status?

'I felt that Mansfield had a lot to offer me and I was very impressed with manager George Foster,' he said.

'After six years at Meadow Lane I had still not commanded a regular place, probably because I was a home-grown player.

'That's often the case. They didn't buy me so I was often the one who was left out or played in different positions all the time,' he added.

'But The Stags have a lot of good players. I've enjoyed training with them and feel that they have enough ability to string some results together and avoid the drop.

'Trevor Christie and David Hunt were both senior pros at Notts when I arrived from school as an apprentice,' he recalled.



Wayne Fairclough

'But every time I've seen Trevor he's always had to tell me to calm down. I suppose I'm a bit short fused sometimes but it is only enthusiasm and I know I can learn a lot from Trev and the other seniors here,' added Wayne.

Just for the record, the youngster is the brother of Leeds United's highly rated centre half Chris Fairclough, who made his name with Nottingham Forest and Tottenham Hotspur.

And big brother Chris certainly played a leading role in Wayne arriving at Field Mill.

'I discussed it with Chris because I look up to him and admire what he's achieved, and he thought it was the right move to make,' he said.



Match Statistics

Aug	19	Sat	Chester City	A	2-0	2,293
	22	Tues	Northampton Town (Lit Cup R1)	H	1-1	3,095
	26	Sat	Bristol Rovers	H	0-1	3,050
Sep	2	Sat	Fulham	A	0-1	4,551
	5	Tues	Northampton Town (Lit Cup R1)	A	2-0	3,936
	9	Sat	Cardiff City	H	1-0	2,766
	16	Sat	Bury	A	0-3	2,821
	19	Tues	Luton Town (Lit Cup R2)	H	3-4	5,361
	23	Sat	Blackpool	H	0-3	2,629
	30	Sat	Bolton Wanderers	A	1-1	5,797
Oct	3	Tues	Luton Town (Lit. Cup R2)	A	2-7	6,519
	7	Sat	Shrewsbury	A	1-0	3,148
	14	Sat	Walsall	H	0-2	3,229
	16	Mon	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-1	6,938
	21	Sat	Bristol City	H	1-0	2,957
	24	Tue	Swansea City	H	4-0	2,643
	28	Sat	Reading	A	0-1	3,242
	31	Tues	Preston North End	H	2-2	3,139
Nov	4	Sat	Notts County	H	1-2	6,016
	10	Fri	Crewe Alexandra	A	1-2	3,333
	19	Sun	FA Cup Round 1 Wigan Athletic	A	0-2	3,087
	25	Sat	Leyton Orient	A	1-3	3,317
	28	Tues	Leyton Orient (Ley/Daf Prel. Rnd)	A	0-2	1,113
Dec	2	Sat	Huddersfield Town	H	1-2	2,966
	9	Sat	Brentford (Ley/Daf Prel. Rnd)	H	2-1	1,445
	17	Sun	Brentford	A	1-2	5,022
	26	Tues	Rotherham United	H	3-1	6,384
	30	Sat	Northampton Town	H	1-2	3,200
Jan	1	Mon	Wigan Athletic	A	0-4	2,477
	9	Tues	Leyton Orient (Ley/Daf Pr. Rd. Replay)	H	2-1	1,938
	13	Sat	Bristol Rovers	A	1-1	5,339
	17	Wed	Maidstone United (Ley/Daf Rd. 1)	A	1-2	1,020
	20	Sat	Chester City	H	1-0	2,257
Feb	3	Sat	Blackpool	A	1-3	4,402
	10	Sat	Bury	H	1-0	2,424
	13	Tues	Fulham	H	3-0	2,255
	17	Sat	Huddersfield Town	A	0-1	5,441
	24	Sat	Leyton Orient	H	1-0	2,542
Mar	3	Sat	Birmingham City	A	1-4	5,139
	6	Tues	Bolton Wanderers	H		
	10	Sat	Swansea City (FAC 6)	A		
	17	Sat	Shrewsbury Town	H		
	20	Tues	Walsall	A		
	24	Sat	Tranmere Rovers	H		
	27	Tues	Cardiff City	A		
	31	Sat	Bristol City	A		
Apr	3	Tues	Birmingham City	H		
	7	Sat	Reading (FAC S/F)	H		
	10	Tues	Preston North End	A		
	14	Sat	Wigan Athletic	H		
	21	Sat	Brentford	H		
	24	Tues	Northampton Town	A		
	28	Sat	Crewe Alexandra	H		
May	5	Sat	Notts County	A		
	12	Sat	FA Cup Final	A		

†/• Indicates substitutes and substituted players • Indicates own goal in Stags' favour.



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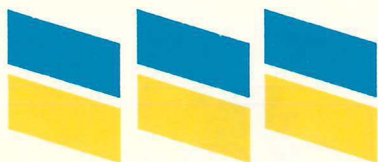
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August			
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26 Sat	Notts County	H	0-3
September			
2 Sat	Shrewsbury Town	A	0-2
9 Sat	Walsall	H	1-0
16 Sat	Derby County	A	0-6
23 Sat	Chesterfield	H	2-1
30 Sat	Birmingham City	A	1-3
October			
7 Sat	Leicester City	A	0-2
14 Sat	Nottingham Forest	H	0-0
21 Sat	Stoke City	A	0-0
28 Sat	West Bromwich Albion	H	1-0
November			
4 Sat	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	1-3
11 Sat	Peterborough United	A	1-1
18 Sat	Aston Villa	A	1-1
25 Sat	Coventry City	A	0-7
December			
2 Sat	Shrewsbury	H	0-0
9 Sat	Coventry City	H	3-1
16 Sat	Notts County	A	1-2
22 Fri	Port Vale	H	6-1
January			
27 Sat	Derby County	H	1-1
February			
3 Sat	Birmingham City	A	1-2
10 Sat	Leicester City	H	0-3
17 Sat	League Cup SF		
24 Sat	Nottingham Forest	A	0-0
March			
3 Sat	Stoke City	H	1-0
10 Sat	West Bromwich Albion	A	
17 Sat	Wolverhampton Wand.	H	
24 Sat	Peterborough United	H	
31 Sat	Aston Villa	A	
April			
7 Sat	Walsall	A	
14 Sat	Chesterfield	A	

OUR NEXT HOME MATCH
MANSFIELD TOWN
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Saturday 17th March
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Mixed Feelings

Nottingham Forest A 0 Mansfield Town A 0

MIXED feelings at the outcome of our youngsters meeting with a strong Reds side. It was pleasing result with a good all-round performance to match. However in some respects it was disappointing for we had three excellent chances of winning the game, but all three were squandered.

Forest only rarely posed a threat, and Jonathon Stanger in goal, did not have a great deal to do.

However, Jonathon who has been on the YTS staff at Manchester United, and has switched to Mansfield because he was not getting a game at Old Trafford, could be pleased with his debut.

He is no stranger to Field Mill, for he was in our School of Excellence as a local school-boy, but elected to try his luck at Old Trafford.

MANSFIELD TOWN: Stanger, Richardson, Jones, Gray, Morgan, Milner, Holland, Bircumshaw, Elkington, Shaw, O'Brien. Substitutes not used: Hodges, Hall.

Mansfield Town A 1 Stoke City A 0

A HARD-WORKING display by Mansfield's youngsters, but the early-season failings up front were again in evidence.

Stoke managed just one clear chance in the 90 minutes and scored the winner, while the Stagshad a couple of clear openings but failed to take advantage.

Mansfield had trialist Russell Wagstaffe from the Bolsover area, who has also been on Sheffield United's books.

Russell, who is a utility player, could be pleased with his debut.

MANSFIELD TOWN: Stanger, Jones, Holland, Richardson, Kerrigan (Bircumshaw), Milner, Elkington, Hall, O'Brien (Shaw), Wagstaffe.

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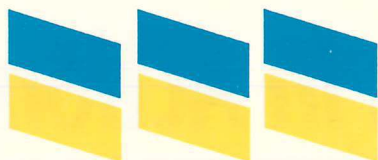
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Pontin Pointers

Pontin's League Division II

August			
23 Wed	Stoke City	A	0-5
30 Wed	Rotherham United	H	1-0

September			
6 Wed	Blackpool	A	1-1
11 Mon	Sheffield Wednesday	H	0-5
20 Wed	Grimsby Town	A	1-0
28 Thur	Middlesbrough	H	0-0

October			
2 Mon	Bolton Wanderers	H	2-4
11 Wed	Wolverhampton Wand.	A	2-5
19 Thur	Preston North End	A	4-3
25 Wed	Burnley	H	2-1

November			
7 Tues	Barnsley	H	4-1
15 Wed	Scunthorpe United	A	1-3
22 Wed	York City	H	0-1
29 Wed	Sunderland	A	0-1

December			
6 Wed	Port Vale	A	1-3
13 Wed	Wigan Athletic	H	1-1

January			
3 Wed	Rotherham United	A	1-2
10 Wed	Stoke City	H	2-1
16 Tues	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0-2
22 Mon	Blackpool	H	1-3
29 Mon	Grimsby Town	H	2-0

February			
6 Tues	Middlesbrough	A	2-1
21 Wed	Bolton Wanderers	A	0-1

March			
7 Wed	Wolverhampton	H	
14 Wed	York City	A	
21 Wed	Preston North End	H	
26 Mon	Burnley	A	

April			
4 Wed	Port Vale	H	
11 Wed	Wigan Athletic	A	
18 Wed	West Bromwich Albion	H	
25 Wed	Barnsley	A	
30 Mon	Scunthorpe United	H	

OUR most recent scheduled Pontins League Division II home meeting with the current leaders Sunderland was postponed on 26th February because of structural damage to the Chad Family Stand caused by the hurricane-force winds.

The decision was made because it was felt that it would be foolish to risk injury to players and spectators, if further damage had occurred during the match.

This added to our away game with West Bromwich Albion means that we now have two outstanding matches to pull in.

We have been able to rearrange our postponed home game with Wolverhampton Wanderers and ask you to note that this will be tomorrow evening Wednesday 7th March here at Field Mill, kick off 7pm.

Fortunately we are not too hard-pressed, and we will be able to pull in the other two games without too many problems.

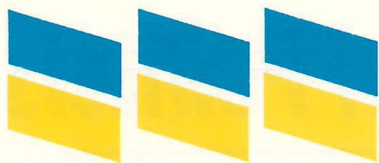
That is, of course, providing that the weather does not cause further cancellations during the next few weeks.

We take the opportunity to again remind you of a couple of new dates for scheduled matches, rearranged because of first-team commitments.

The away match at Burnley will now be played on Monday 26th March instead of Tuesday the 27th. And our home game with Port Vale which should have been played on Monday 2nd April will now take place on Wednesday 4th April.

PONTINS LEAGUE Division II

Sunderland	23	13	5	5	41	21	44
Wolverhampton	22	12	7	3	46	29	43
Sheffield Wed	23	13	3	7	48	24	42
Rotherham Utd	21	11	3	7	29	20	36
Scunthorpe Utd	22	10	4	8	31	31	34
Middlesbrough	23	8	9	6	34	23	33
Barnsley	23	10	3	10	36	30	33
Mansfield	23	10	3	10	31	41	33
Stoke City	22	9	5	8	36	28	32
Preston NE	23	9	5	9	24	33	32
Blackpool	24	7	8	9	27	39	29
West Brom	20	7	7	6	40	26	28
Port Vale	20	7	5	8	37	46	26
Wigan Ath	19	6	4	9	24	34	22
Burnley	18	6	2	10	21	32	20
York City	21	6	2	13	26	41	20
Bolton Wand	20	4	5	109	29	39	20
Grimsby Town	21	3	4	14	22	45	13



Stags in Action



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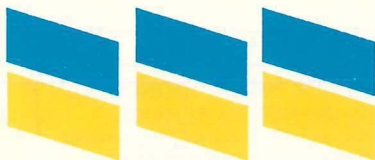
Trevor Christie accurately heads in the pass to set up the chance for Mark Smalley. Part of the action during The Stags' last home game.



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Disappointment for Mark Smalley, left, whose on-target attempt to score against his former club Leyton Orient, beat the keeper, but was cleared off the line.





Play-offs backed by fans

THE Football League has been criticised in the past for the failure of new formats and developments instigated to inject new interest in the game.

Indeed when 'play-offs' were introduced in the 1986-87 season the scheme attracted its fair share of negative comment from a number of managers.

However it appears that the league management committee's decision to continue with the scheme has received backing from the fans themselves.

In a recent poll conducted for the League by MORI, the overwhelming majority have been in favour of the play-off system, with 69 per cent in favour of the play-offs being continued.

And among supporters of Third and Fourth Division clubs the figure in favour rises to 85 per cent.

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IN THE latest edition of the Football League News, the in-house magazine of the Football League, which is out this week, there is the latest news on the Leyland Daf Cup and a look at differing views on the activities of players' agents.

And nearer home it explains why Mansfield Town's players have taken to consulting a physycologist!!!

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TALKING about the dedication of supporters to their favourite club, Rotherham United's manager Billy McEwan (a former Stag of course), recently received a letter from a gentleman he must assume is a Millers fan.

The writer informed Billy that he was moving out of the Rotherham area for a time because of work commitments and would be unable to attend any of this season's remaining matches.

Nevertheless he offered to send to the club his admission money for each game!

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IN OUR last News and Views column we mentioned the rumour that several top clubs had received an invitation to join a new European Super League. to run in conjunction with the domestic competitions, possibly starting next season.

It seems that indications are that the rumour started in Scotland, but the proposal has not been received kindly either North or South of the Border.

One of the main arguments against such an autonomous league is that the estimated possible financial rewards of around £15 million for the privileged participating clubs would give them an unsurmountable advantage over their domestic counterparts.

It is agreed that a sport must always strive to reach new heights, but this should be driven by genuine ambition and not by unabated avarice!

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AT OUR last home match we we pleased to act as hosts to Mark Dorey and Brendan Malley from Portsmouth who were completing their task of visiting all 92 Football League grounds.

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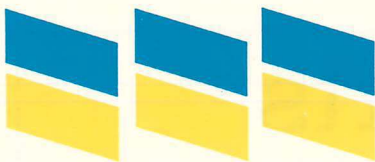
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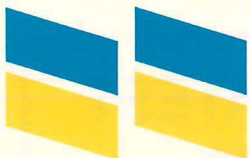
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Saturday 5th March 1932

BAD DEFENSIVE BLUNDERS

**Northampton Town 3
Mansfield Town 0**

"CONSIDERING nearly 1,000 supporters accompanied their favourites to Northampton, there was a poor crowd to watch this match, the attendance being little more than 5,000 all told," was how the Mansfield Chronicle reporter prefaced his report in the newspaper's 11th March 1932 edition.

And he added, "At the finish they must have felt little satisfaction at the exhibition they had witnessed!"

In his summing up of the 90 minutes, he commented, "Though Northampton were, on the whole, the better side they have to thank the visitors' defence for their victory.

"England, Mansfield's left back, was responsible for giving away two goals, and Wilson, the visitors' goalkeeper, allowed a shot from Boyle to slip through his hands for the third point."

The report tells us that Mansfield began well, but two blunders by England altered the whole course of the game.

"The first was when the left back foolishly handled the ball, and from the free kick Boyle received to shoot past Wilson from close range.

"This was after 12 minutes play, and a minute later England weakly

placed the ball back for Wilson to clear. But before the goalkeeper could get to the ball, Mortimer had slipped through and shot, and though England made a desperate effort to stay the ball's progress, he could only help it into the net."

The reporter noted not surprisingly, "These disasters took the heart out of the team."

During the second half, Wilson made a fine save at close range we are told, but "The goalkeeper's fine work was discounted shortly afterwards when he failed to hold a long shot from Boyle, the ball passing through his hands to register the home side's third lucky goal."

Early in the game, the report adds, Johnson should have scored for Mansfield, but with only the goalkeeper to beat passed the ball to winger Bowater who was checked by a former Mansfield player Anthony.

Then later Broome "shot with terrific force, but unfortunately the ball cannoned off Johnson when a goal seemed certain."

MANSFIELD TOWN: Wilson, Clifford, England, Readman, Chambers, Weightman, Storer, Broome, Johnson, Featherby, Bowater.

● **Following The Stags in their initial season in the Football League. Research by Stan Searl.**



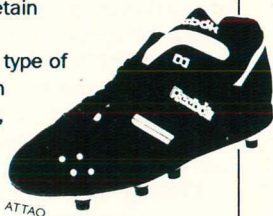
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Tranmere	31	10	3	2	39	16	6	3	7	22	18	54	
Bristol Rovers	29	9	6	0	30	10	5	5	4	12	11	53	
Notts Co	30	10	3	2	22	11	5	5	5	22	23	53	
Rotherham	31	10	4	2	40	18	4	5	6	17	19	51	
Bolton	29	8	4	2	20	13	5	6	4	24	19	49	
Huddersfield	29	9	3	3	20	12	4	6	4	18	20	48	
Bury	32	5	6	5	21	19	7	2	7	25	22	44	
Brentford	31	9	1	6	30	23	4	2	9	16	24	42	
Shrewsbury	30	6	6	2	24	15	4	4	8	15	22	40	
Birmingham	30	8	4	3	23	11	3	3	9	13	28	40	
Reading	29	7	6	2	24	14	2	6	6	14	21	39	
Crewe	30	6	5	4	18	16	3	7	5	15	16	39	
Swansea	31	7	5	3	19	19	3	4	9	13	24	39	
Chester	33	8	5	4	22	19	3	4	9	8	22	39	
Fulham	31	6	6	3	27	19	3	4	9	14	25	37	
Wigan Ath	30	7	5	3	19	12	1	7	7	11	28	36	
Leyton O	31	7	3	5	19	15	3	2	11	18	29	36	
Mansfield	30	8	1	6	10	16	2	3	10	11	27	34	
Northampton	27	5	3	6	15	19	3	5	5	18	22	32	
Preston	31	7	4	5	28	22	2	1	12	14	38	32	
Cardiff	29	2	7	5	15	19	5	3	7	16	24	31	
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